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MDOC Investigation of Inmate's Death Ongoing

JACKSON – An investigation into the death of an inmate at the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman is ongoing.

Albert Lee Thomas Jr., 35, was pronounced dead after prison officials were unable to revive him about 1:40 p.m. on April 19. He was in a Unit 29 cell alone when found. Autopsy results are pending.

Thomas, #T9128, was serving life for homicide in Hinds County. He was sentenced on Dec. 1, 2004.

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